

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated August 31, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 30, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

In the specification, the paragraphs [0007] and [0009] have been amended to correct minor editorial problems.

Claims 1 - 7 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 1 - 3 have been cancelled by Applicant. Claims 1 - 3 are rejected and claims 4 - 7 are indicated to be allowable by the Examiner. Claims 5 and 7 are amended to correct matters of form. These amendments are not presented to distinguish a reference, thus, the claims as amended are entitled to a full range of equivalents if not previously amended to distinguish a reference.

Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,107,208 (*Cheng, et al.*). Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,107,208 (*Cheng, et al.*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,495,461 B2 (*Tsubouchi, et al.*). Claims 1 -3 have been cancelled by the Applicant.

The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure than the primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, Applicant believes that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this office action.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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